

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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11. (Currently Amended) The object management system as recited in claim 15 ~~40~~ further comprising computer-readable server instructions capable of changing the data structure to change the current state of the at least one object to a selected state of the states in the set of states where the selected state is based on a transition between states contained in the subset of transitions returned to the client.

12. (Currently Amended) The object management system as recited in claim 15 ~~40~~ wherein the objects comprises documents.

13. (Currently Amended) The object management system as recited in claim ~~15~~ 10 wherein the recited computer-readable instructions reside on a server accessible by way of a network.

14. (Original) The object management system as recited in claim 13 wherein the network comprises an Internet.

15. (Currently Amended) An ~~The~~ object management system ~~as recited in claim 10~~ further comprising:

a data structure for at least one object in a set of objects in said object management system, comprising for said at least one object a set of object states in which said object may be maintained, a set of transitions between object states, and a current object state;

computer-readable server instructions that receive requests from a client for said object and computer-readable server instructions that retrieve from said data structure at least a subset of transitions between object states, where said subset of transitions to at least another state is based upon transitions out of the current object state;

computer-readable server instructions that return to said client an indication of at least the subset of transitions between object states; and

a set of computer-readable instructions residing on a client, said computer-readable instructions requesting from said computer-readable server instructions a subset of state transitions for the at least one object, receiving in return the subset of state transitions, and presenting a user with operations capable of being performed on said object where the operations are based on the subset of state transitions.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ 10 wherein the indication of the subset states transitions are transmitted as operations that may be performed upon the object.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the indication of the operations are presented in accordance with a local language of the requestor.

18. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 15 ~~10~~ wherein the set of states are maintained in a table of states and associated valid state transitions that are associated with the object.

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